

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 20 remain pending in the application. Claims 1 and 10 are the only independent claims.

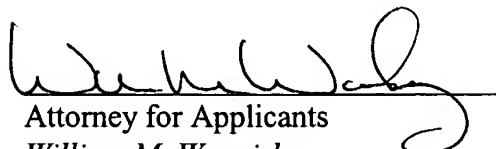
As above-noted, this Amendment has been prepared with the understanding that the Amendment After Final Rejection filed April 12, 2004, will be entered. This Amendment amends Claims 1 and 10 as set forth in the Amendment After Final Rejection.

Specifically, Claims 1 and 10 have been further amended to even more succinctly define the invention and/or to improve their form. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration hereof and early passage to issue of the present application are earnestly solicited.

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